## Greenland Fisheries

## **Traditional**



On the twenty third day of the G G F C month of June in the year of Fifty-G four

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They signed us weary whalin' men
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To sail for Greenland's shore, brave
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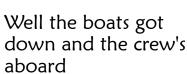
boys, to sail for Greenland's shore.

Our gallant ship her sails we set For the icy Greenland ground. Well they said we'd take about a score or two a whale Before we're six months bound, brave boys, before we're six months bound.

Oh, the lookout up in the crosstree stood
With a spyglass in his hand.
There's a whale, there's a whale, there's a whale fish, he cried,
She blows on every span, brave boys, she blows on every span.

The captain stood on the quarterdeck With his eye to the icy sea.

Overhaul! Overhaul! Let your davittackles fall, Put your boats on the water, cried he, brave boys, Put your boats on the water cried he.



With the whale fish in full view And the bosun roared, Put your backs to the oars.

And steer where the whale fish blew, brave boys,

And steer where the whale fish blew.

Well the harpoon struck and the line played out

And the whale made a blunder with its tail.

And the boat capsized killing half a dozen men.

And we never did catch that whale, brave boys,

We never did catch that whale.

To lose those men, the captain said, Oh it grieves my heart full sore. But we knew the losing of that hundred barrel whale

It grieved him ten times more, brave boys,

It grieved him ten times more.

Oh, Greenland is a dreadful place, It's a place that's never green. Where there's ice and snow, and the whale fishes blow.

And the daylight's seldom seen, brave boys,

The daylight's seldom seen.